

Remarks/Arguments:

Applicants' disclosure is directed to a liquid crystal display device. The device includes first and second liquid crystal displays, which are connected to each other via a flexible substrate. The device also includes a common driver circuit for driving both liquid crystal displays.

Claims 1 and 3-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 2001-215475A ("475"). Claims 1, 5-6 and 10-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Jahagirdar et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,125,286). Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by '475 in view of US 20010023194 A1. Claims 7-9 and 13-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by Jahagirdar in view of GB 2 343 324. It is respectfully submitted, however, that the claims are patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

'475 is directed to a liquid crystal display module. The module includes first and second liquid crystal displays 3 and 4, which are connected to flexible substrate 5. Driver 5b drives both liquid crystal display elements.

Jahagirdar is directed to a communication system that has multiple displays. The system includes first and second displays 604 and 606, which are preferably connected to a flex connector. In one embodiment, driver 602 drives both displays.

Applicants' invention, as recited by claim 1, includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, namely:

...first source wirings for connecting to the first liquid crystal display part from the common driver circuit; and

second source wirings for connecting to the second liquid crystal display part from the common driver circuit.

This means that Applicants' device employs two groups of source wirings. The first group of source wirings connect the common driver circuit to the first liquid crystal display. The second group of source wirings connect the common driver circuit to the second liquid crystal

display. This feature is found in the originally filed application at page 14, line 25 through page 15, line 3 and Fig. 3. No new matter has been added.

'475 discloses first and second liquid crystal displays 3 and 4, which are connected to flexible substrate 5 and are driven by driver 5b. Similarly, Jahagirdar discloses first and second displays 604 and 606, which are preferably connected to a flex connector and are driven by driver 602. However, both '475 and Jahagirdar are silent with respect to use of a source driver and, more specifically, with respect to use of source wirings.

This is different because Applicants' device discloses first source wirings 7, which connect the first liquid crystal display 1 to the common driver circuit 4. Further, Applicants' device discloses second source wirings 8, which connect the second liquid crystal display 2 to the common driver circuit 4. '475 and Jahagirdar, on the other hand, are silent with respect to use of first and second source wirings. Thus, neither '475 nor Jahagirdar disclose all the features of claim 1 as amended.

It is because Applicants include the feature of "...first source wirings for connecting to the first liquid crystal display part from the common driver circuit and second source wirings for connecting to the second liquid crystal display part from the common driver circuit" that the following advantages are achieved. The wiring disclosed in Applicants' specification contributes to reducing the wiring connected to the driver circuit, thus reducing noise in the device.

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth above, claim 1 is patentable over the art of record.

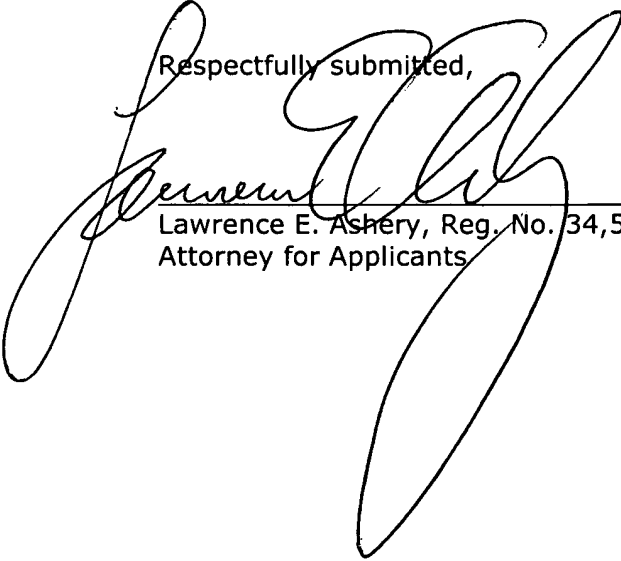
Claims 2-5 and 7-21 include all the features of claim 1 from which they depend. Thus, claims 2-5 and 7-21 are also patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth above. Claim 6 has been cancelled.

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In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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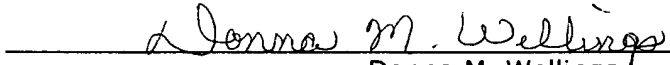
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